

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

and to bear the penance together with you ; if only you will return to the father, who, like a true father, is awaiting you with the opened wings of mercy. Alas, alas ! do not fly or shun it; but receive it humbly, and do not believe the evil counsellors who have given you your death. Alas ! sweet brothers (sweet brothers and fathers will you be to me, in as far as you abide in truth), resist no more the tears and sweat that the servants of God are shedding for you ; for you could wash in them from head to foot. If you despised them, and the thirsting, sweet, and dolorous desires that are being offered up for you by them, you would receive a far severer condemnation. Fear God and His true judgment. I hope in His infinite goodness that He will fulfil in you the desire of His servants." ¹

Nevertheless, the three cardinals at Tagliacozzo continued to appeal to a Council as the only way of ending the Schism, until August, when Jacopo Orsini died. It was rumoured in Italy that, on his deathbed, he had professed his conviction that Urban alone was lawful Pope. This, however, was not the case. In his dying confession, signed and dated August 13, 1379, he declares that he acknowledges as Pope whoever shall be approved by the Church and the Council, and expresses his sorrow if, by written word or by work, he shall have ever done or said anything against him who shall thus be declared lawful Pope.² It was probably his hesitation that had hitherto prevented the Cardinals of Florence and Milan from declaring for Clement

¹ Letter 310 (31), corrected by the Harleian MS.

³ *Archivio Vaicano*, LIV. 40, printed in Raynaldus, vii. pp. 370, 371. On the other hand, Francesco Casini asserts that Orsini, shortly before his death admitted to him that he was right in adoring Urban as the true Pope (*Archivi ftt.*, LIV. 17, f. 76). The French King urged the two survivors to come to France, or at least some part of Piedmont near Dauphine, to confer with him, while Clement assured them that their adherence to him would do more to restore peace to the Church than would the assembling of a Council. Valois, I. pp. 321-323. Both ultimately joined the Clementines. The dying profession of the Cardinal of Milan, that the election of Urban was under compulsion and that Clement was lawful Pope, is dated September 12, 1381 in the *Archivio Vaicano*, LIV. 19, f. 141.